As regards larvae fish, while I was in Madras I know that they were reared successfully there.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Still there is plenty of mosquitoes in Madras.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I am told that in Madras larvae fish has succeeded. In fact in the well of the hostel I was living in, in Madras, this fish was introduced.

Secondly the help of the Rockfeller Institute may be sought. I don't know how far we will succeed in getting it. In Travancore, they got the services of Dr. Sweet, if I remember right. It is sweet enough to get the services of an expert. I feel we ought to have an expert. It is not proper, if I may venture to say so, for the Hon'ble Minister to say that there is no expert. He must provide himself with an expert. If we cannot get one we must train one.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What I said was that there was no such expert advice tendered by the Department.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I am going to be communal once. I don't want to deprive Kunnamkulam of one rupee by pressing this motion. Kunnnamkulam contains my co-religionists to a great extent.

On the assurance given by the Hon'ble Minister and the Diwan—President I am not going to press the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 2.

Condition of the drainage scheme in Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Sir, I rise to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,346 for Ernakulam Town Improvement Scheme--Sanitation Works by Re. 1 to bring to the notice of the Government the hopeless condition of the drainage scheme in Ernakulam and Mattancheri.* In fact this cut motion ought to have come first, because mosquitoes are the result of defective drains. Much has been said on the subject and I don't wish to say anything more. In fact the three big towns of Cochin State are Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Trichur. Trichur is blessed by nature with an excellent drainage system. Five minutes after a heavy rain there will be no water in Trichur. Unfortunately in Mattancheri and Ernakulam, being low lying places, water will remain. I am very glad to hear that the Government are going to get an expert or rather they have already got the services of an expert and they are going to take up this work without delay. Therefore, I have only to repeat that this scheme may be taken up immediately.

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is engaging the serious attention of the Government. The services of an expert have been obtained and he is working.

The motion was ,by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 3.

To provide proper drains in the Trippunittura Town.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* I rise to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,203 for State General Sanitation Works by Re. 1 (to discuss the necessity for providing proper drains and improving the existing ones in the Trippunittura Town).* As it is, the facilities for drainage in the Trippunittura Town are not very many. Of course, there are certain drains within the Fort, but outside the Fort and within the Town there are very few drains, and the few natural canals that serve the purpose of drains are not cleaned and properly kept. My purpose in bringing this motion is to impress upon the Government the urgent necessity of providing some more drains outside the Fort and within the Town of Trippunittura and also for cleaning and keeping in proper condition the natural drains that exist there. I may point out one or two instances. There is a canal flowing from North to South along the North Fort road that proceeds to the Ernakulam Hill Palace Road. This canal runs along the western side of the road. That is a very deep canal and will serve the purpose of a drain. This canal runs in front of several houses, and for a long time past it remains bunded up at several places in order to facilitate the people coming over to their houses. If, however, these bunds are removed the water that will be collected on that road during the monsoon will find a very easy outlet. There are a few other similar canals also, but not many. I would request the Government to see that at least in the most important roads in the town outside the Fort drains are provided, so that during the monsoon water may not be collected in these roads causing inconvenience to the public, especially school children. In the Budget estimates for next year a sum of Rs. 500 is seen to have been allotted for drainage within the Fort and Rs. 100 for drainage outside. This very fact shows that the drainage facilities outside the Fort are very meagre. The area outside the Fort is, I think, more than the area within the Fort. Even though the area within the Fort is very important, I have to impress upon the Government that the town extends far beyond the Fort. Therefore, early steps may be taken in order to improve the existing drains and to provide some more drains at an early date.

* **Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, within the limitation of the funds at our disposal we are doing the very best we can. Year after year a sum of Rs. 500 has been devoted

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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